

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 and 8-21 have been pending.

In accordance with the foregoing, Claims 1-5 and 8-21 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Thus Claims 1-21 remain for reconsideration, which is requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §102(E)

On the merits, Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,961,783 to Cook et al. (hereinafter referred to as Cook).

Cook does not disclose, teach, or suggest the features of “an identifying unit identifying, when a query about an address corresponding to a name of a communication destination is received from a communication source, which of a private network and a global network the communication source and the communication destination belong to each”, “a judging unit judging, based on a result of identification by the identifying unit, whether or not to allow to give a response including the address corresponding to the name of the communication destination to the communication source of the query”, and “a sending unit sending the response to the communication source when the judging unit judges that it is allowable to give the response” as recited in Claim 1.

Therefore Claim 1 is not anticipated by Cook.

Cook does not disclose, teach, or suggest the features of “a searching unit searching for an address of the communication destination to be given to the communication source as a response to the query when the identifying unit identifies that the communication source belongs to the private network and that the communication destination belongs to the global network” and “wherein the sending unit sends the response containing the address of the communication destination to the communication source when the searching unit searches the address of the communication destination, and rejects the query when the identifying unit identifies that the communication source belongs to the global network and the communication destination belongs to the private network”, as recited in Claim 2.

Therefore Claim 2 is not anticipated by Cook.

Cook does not disclose, teach, or suggest the features of “wherein the sending unit

invalidates sending the response if there is no application of which a use is permitted in a communication between the communication source and the communication destination when the identifying unit identifies that the communication source belongs to the private network and the communication destination belongs to the global network”, as recited in Claim 3.

Therefore Claim 3 is not anticipated by Cook.

Claims 8-10 and 15-17 recite similar features of Claims 1-3. For the same reason as above, Claims 8-10 and 15-17 are not anticipated by Cook.

Thus withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §103(A)

On the merits, Claims 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook in view of U.S. Pat. No. 7,093,288 to Hydrie et al. (hereinafter referred to as Hydrie).

Dependent Claims 4-7 necessarily include all of the features of their associated independent claim plus other additional features that do not recite Cook and Hydrie.

Therefore Claim 4-7 are not unpatentable over Cook in view of Hydrie.

Claims 11-14 and 18-21 recite similar features of Claims 4-7. For the same reason as above, Claims 11-14 and 18-21 are not unpatentable over Cook in view of Hydrie.

Thus withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding rejections, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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